

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 05/02/13 9:30 a.m.

Location: Human Services Center, Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>A</u>	Farrell, Dennis	<u>X</u>	Patterson, Sandy
<u>X</u>	Franklin, Robert	<u>A</u>	Ruf, John
<u>X</u>	Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u>	Spitz, Carolyn
<u>X</u>	Graham, Bill	<u>X</u>	Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u>	Lee, Glenn	<u>X</u>	Wolff, Sandy
<u>X</u>	Lee, Lorraine	<u>X</u>	Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u>	Ludka, Elaine		

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

<u>X</u>	Robertson, Antwayne
<u>X</u>	Mireles, Pat
<u>X</u>	Peterson, Shirley
<u>X</u>	Sanchez, Jan
<u>X</u>	Smith, Sue
<u>X</u>	John Schnabl, Older Americans Act Programs and Special Projects Manager, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by Chair B. Graham.

Public Comments:

J. Turkoske reported that there was an individual smoking very close to Door 6, which is in violation of Waukesha County Policy. It is unknown if the individual was a client or staff person.

Approval of April 4, 2013 meeting minutes:

Chair B. Graham called for approval of the meeting minutes of April 4, 2013. Sandy Patterson moved to approve the minutes; C. Spitz seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Educational Segment – John Schnabl, Older Americans Act Programs and Special Projects Manager, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR)

Chair B. Graham introduced GWAAR Programs and Special Projects Manager, John Schnabl.

John provided an excellent presentation on GWAAR, which is an Area Agency on Aging and is formed by the federal law called the Older American's Act. This is the same federal legislation that helps to provide funding for programs such as nutrition, caregiver support, supportive services and preventative health for individuals who are 60 and older, regardless of income. GWAAR is a private non-profit organization, serving 70 counties and 11 tribes. Dane and Milwaukee counties have their own Area Agencies on Aging.

GWAAR provides funding to counties to run and administer aging programs. GWAAR also monitors the use of those funds to ensure the funds are being used correctly and done within the policies that govern those programs. GWAAR not only provides the money to pay for services provided under the Older American's Act, but training opportunities and oversight as well. Technical assistance is also provided to county aging programs throughout the state. Quality Assurance monitors how well an agency is doing / how well a county is accomplishing the Aging Plan. GWAAR advocates for older adult issues and is in the process of hiring an advocacy person, who will be developing grass-roots advocacy initiatives in a non-partisan way. Many questions and good discussion followed.

Advisory Board Chair Report:

- B. Graham provided the Board with information on evidenced based prevention and management of alcohol problems in older adults. B. Graham feels this will go hand in hand with the program ADRC Supervisor J. Sanchez is working on developing. More information on this initiative will be provided in her report.
- B. Graham will attend the Alcohol and Drug Problems in Late Life continuing education program at UW Madison. This seminar is co-presented by Flo Hillard, MS and Suzanna Waters Castillo, PhD.

ADRC Manager's Report/ADRC Supervisors Report:

- Health and Human Services Deputy Director Antwayne Robertson announced that Laura Kleber has accepted the position as the new ADRC Manager. Laura will begin her Manager's role on May 20, 2013. Laura comes to us from the State Department of Health Services Southeastern Regional office where she is the Area Administrator for the Southeast Regional Counties. Laura previously served as Deputy Director of the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services. We look forward to welcoming Laura to Waukesha County.
- Deputy Directory Robertson also advised that due to a number of modifications and reconstructions that have occurred, the move-in date for the new building has been delayed. We are now looking at the second or third week in October.
- ADRC Supervisor Shirley Peterson updated the Board on the two new Managed Care organizations that will begin doing business in Waukesha County. ADRC supervisors have met with both the Southwest Family Care Alliance and Milwaukee County Family Care / Managed Care Organization. These initial meeting went very well. We will continue to update the Board as information becomes available.

- ADRC Supervisor Jan Sanchez talked about an initiative she is working on, which will provide educational information regarding AODA issues to seniors. Supervisor Sanchez would like to provide basic education to seniors at the meal sites regarding what drinking does to the body as an individual ages, the risks associated with mixing alcohol with medication and how to have a conversation with your doctor. She is working on the curriculum now and will keep the board updated on the progress. Chair Graham said that he would be very interested in assisting with this project.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR):

Educational Segment on GWAAR presented by John Schnabl. Nothing further.

State Aging Advisory Committee Report:

- The State Aging Advisory Committee meeting was held last Thursday, April 25th in Madison. The State Department of Health and Human Services is anxious about potential cuts resulting from the Sequester. They are hoping for the best.
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeastern Wisconsin was awarded a \$100,000 Grant from Feeding America to focus Food Share outreach to people 60+ in a 16 county area. In collaboration with Health and Human Services offices and other local agencies, Second Harvest will distribute information and create a senior helpline with volunteers trained on senior-specific Food Share policies. It is estimated that 2/3 of eligible seniors are not participating in Food Share. There may be as many as 178,000 seniors eligible, but not claiming Food Share benefits.
- The Executive Director of GWAAR attended the meeting and talked about the advocacy that is being done especially in Older Americans Act (OAA) transportation and expansion of family care.
- Also discussed were the challenges facing local agency offices. The Sequester is hurting local meal sites, cutting days of service and closing some. Some sites are holding rummage and bake sales to supplement the money. It was reported that people from the Jefferson County local library have taken over Home Delivered Meals.
- Committee members had been asked to provide suggestions to the Margaret Cargill Foundation in Minnesota. This Foundation is looking to provide financial program assistance to communities in rural Wisconsin. There was some misunderstanding of the assignment – some brought programs they thought should be started rather than those already in place. S. Wolff shared those that were offered by this Board; Katy's Kloset, the Technology Project/ Asset Based Community Development in New Berlin and senior taxi all could benefit from additional funding.

Health and Human Services Board and Committee Report:

B. Zaborowski provided a handout to the Board on 2014 Budget Recommendations of the Health and Human Services Board. This document is a result of the March 21 Board meeting with AODA Advisory Committee and Mental Health Advisory Committee, the April 2 Public Hearing and letters received from the Public Hearing. The recommendations were presented to the County Executive.

Other Business/Updates:

None

Adjournment:

S. Wolff moved to adjourn the meeting. S. Patterson seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. Motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

June 6, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m.

Approved _____ **Date** _____

Recorded and Submitted by Sue Smith